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## **Budget Minutes 04/22/2008**

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*The Arlington School Committee  
Budget Subcommittee Meeting  
Tuesday, April 22, 2008*

**Members present:**

Ron Spangler, Chair  
Denise Burns  
Joe Curran

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.

Mr. Spangler reviewed the presentation he had been invited to give at Stand for Children's March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008 forum for new parents and those new to the schools, entitled "How Do the Decisions Get Made, and What Does It All Mean?" This presentation explained how the decisions get made about our school system, and how decisions made at the state and federal levels impact what we do (and can't do).

The Subcommittee discussed ideas for the process for the FY10 budget. Mr. Spangler noted that Policy DBC requires the full committee to establish such a process each year.

The Subcommittee discussed potential revenue enhancements to be studied as part of that process. Enhancements included

- § EdNets – OurKidsWin!
  - § Centralized fundraising across athletics, and with booster clubs
  - § Transportation
  - § Catering/food service
  - § Selling curriculum developed here
- This is not intended to be a comprehensive list of possible enhancements.

The subcommittee also discussed online/distance learning as a cost saving measure.

On a motion by Ms. Burns, seconded by Mr. Curran, it was VOTED 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM.